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Hi friends, and Happy First Week of Classes to new and returning Black Bears!

It's so incredibly exciting to see campus buzzing with folks as we resume in-person instruction here in Orono. While we are grateful to be back in our centers and planning in-person events again, please make no mistake: this pandemic is NOT over. The highly contagious delta variant continues to spread in Maine and around the country, and if we want to continue sharing space together on campus, we all must do our part to mask up and get vaccinated if we are able. Please continue to monitor the [UMaine Return](#) website for updated information regarding the steps and measures in place on campus currently, as they can and may change as conditions evolve.

Before I share some of the exciting news and updates we have for you, I wanted to take a moment to express our concern and support for all those impacted by Hurricane Ida in Louisiana and elsewhere in the Gulf Coast area. We cannot talk about climate change, sea level rise, and the increased frequency and intensity of tropical and winter storms without also acknowledging their disproportionate impact upon communities of color. All reports are that the region has escaped a repeat of what they experienced with Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and for that I am grateful, but this will not be the last large storm to hit the area or many others in low-lying coastal areas heavily impacted by climate change. For more information on the inherent connection between racial and environmental justice, I encourage you to check out [Climate Justice Alliance](#) and the important work they are doing.

As we look ahead to September, we've been working hard with our graduate staff to get a head start on events and programs, but we're looking for motivated and creative undergraduate students to join our team! If you have federal work study funds and would like to talk more about opportunities with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, please [fill out this form](#) and one of our staff will be in touch with you to set up a time to chat! For examples of the kinds of events and programs we've organized in the past, check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

I'm sure you are all being bombarded with information and invitations to events and gatherings intended to share info about the many amazing ways to get involved at UMaine, and I'd like to draw attention to some of the events we will be part of in the coming week. We hope you are able to take the time to come see us, meet our new team members, and get plugged in to the work we plan to do this year!

-We will be tabling at the [Student Organization Fair](#) tomorrow (Wednesday, September 1st)! Join us from 10:00-2:00 on the campus mall and check out all of the great organizations and clubs available, including many of the identity-based organizations we partner with throughout the year!

-We will be participating in Union Fest on Friday with many of the other offices that make their home here in the Memorial Union with us! Join us between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM Friday to get a passport and have it stamped at various locations around the Union. Turn in your completed passport for your chance at some exciting prizes!

If you are new to Orono and our campus, welcome and thank you for the unique contributions you will make to our community. There are a multitude of ways to find a community here that feels like home away from home, and we hope we can play some small role in that process for you. If we can be helpful at all in navigating this great big place, please do not hesitate to call on us.

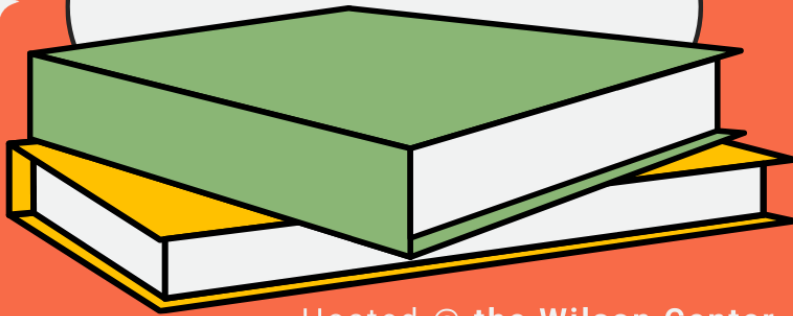
All the best,

Rob Jackson (he/him)
Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion

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Wilson Center Wednesdays

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67 college ave | outside under the big tent

September 1 | What is Community?

A conversation with Wilson Center Staff



September 8 | Tai Chi

With guest Shiwa Noh | no experience required



September 15 | The Cosmic Walk

A walking meditation with Sister Miriam Devlin



September 22 | Sukkot Celebration

Learn about this Jewish festival | facilitator TBA



September 29 | Art by Committee

A collaborative art project with guest Fred Irons



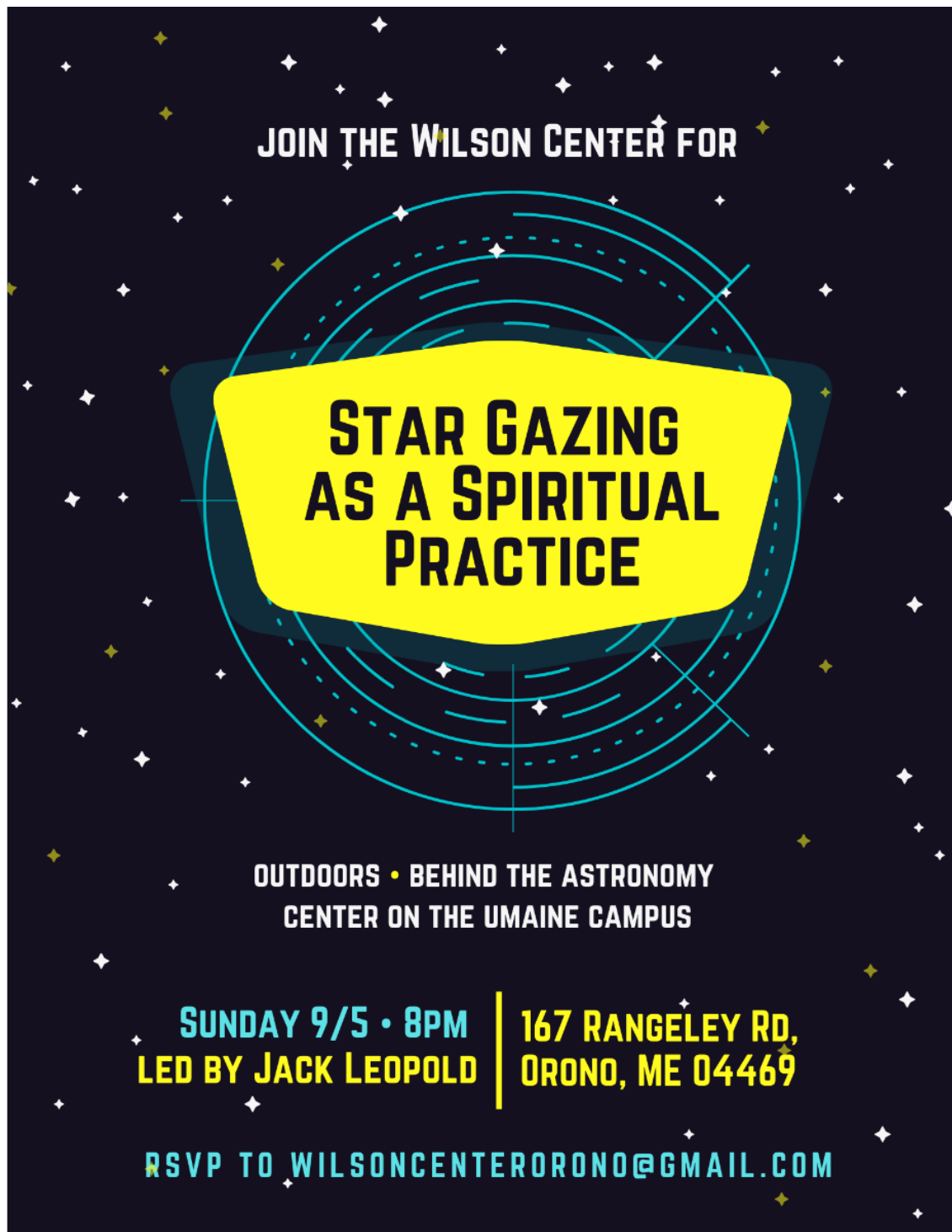
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As humans, our bias perspectives are shaped by how we perceive our environments and experiences. AI perceives its experience in the form of data and this affects its bias. What are the different types of AI bias and how can we mitigate their effect. Dr. Seth Dobrin is here to show us how to manage the bias in AI?

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The new Indigenous TV series coming your way

'Reservation Dogs' is the latest product of an exciting new era of Native self-representation.

by [Jason Asenap](#) for HighCountryNews

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